

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2005, claims 2, 12, and 23 have been cancelled, claims 1, 9, 11, and 21 have been amended, and claims 31-57 have been added. Claims 1, 2-11, 13-22, and 24-57 are in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 13, the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of claims 2, 3, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-20, 22, and 23 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended the claims to accept identified allowable subject matter, and do so with the intention of pursuing additional patentable subject matter in continuing patent applications.

III. New Claims

New claims 31-57 are presented for the first time in this Amendment. For the reasons described above, new claims 31-57 are patentable over the prior art of record, and the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of these claims as well.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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